

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 12C and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) will hold a **remote public hearing on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.** relative to the adoption of the following regulation:

957 CMR 4.00 – STANDARD QUALITY MEASURE SET

The existing 957 CMR 4.00 is being replaced in its entirety by a new regulation that governs the Standard Quality Measure Set establishment, use and reporting requirements for Payers, Providers and Provider Organizations. The new regulation is consistent with changes made to M.G.L. 12C by Chapter 343 of the Acts of 2024. The proposed regulation also includes penalty language consistent with changes made to M.G.L. c. 12C, § 11.

It is anticipated that entities covered by this regulation will incur no additional administrative costs resulting from the proposed regulation. The regulation will have no fiscal impact on cities and towns and will have no fiscal impact on small businesses.

If you plan to testify at the hearing, CHIA strongly encourages you to register in advance by emailing regulations@chiamass.gov. Individuals may also submit written testimony to the same email address. Please include the name of the regulation in the subject line of your email. All submissions must include the sender's full name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation (if applicable). Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by email should mail written testimony to the Center for Health Information and Analysis, 501 Boylston Street, Suite 5100, Boston, MA 02116. Written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, January 26, 2026. This notice and copies of the proposed regulations may be viewed on CHIA's website at www.chiamass.gov/regulations.

To join the remote hearing online, go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82571158306?pwd=rjquhfXaX27TWxZnQl9W35pDrhMq4n.1>, and enter Meeting ID: 825 7115 8306 and Passcode: 329529.

To join the remote hearing by phone, call 1-646-518-9805 or 1-646-558-8656, and enter Meeting ID: 825 7115 8306 and Password: 329529 when prompted.

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

In order to accurately predict the impact the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation will have on small businesses, the promulgating authority must conduct a thorough analysis that not only considers the potential effects of the action but also quantifies the costs, if any, associated with each. The questions below are designed to aid promulgating authorities in conducting their analysis.

Agency Submitting Regulation: Center for Health Information and Analysis (“CHIA”).

Subject Matter of Regulation: Standard Quality Measure Set; Monetary Penalties.

Regulation No: 957 C.M.R. 4.00.

Statutory Authority: M.G.L. c. 12C.

Other Agencies Affected: None.

Other Regulations That May Duplicate or Conflict with the Regulation: None.

Describe the Scope and Objectives of the Regulation: The new regulation is replacing the existing 957 CMR 4.00 in its entirety and governs the Standard Quality Measure Set establishment, use and reporting requirements for Payers, Providers and Provider Organizations. The proposed regulation is consistent with changes made to M.G.L. 12C by Chapter 343 of the Acts of 2024 and includes penalty language consistent with changes made to M.G.L. c. 12C, § 11.

Business Industry(ies) Affected by the Regulation: Health care.

Types of Businesses Included in the Industry(ies): Payers, Providers, and Provider Organizations.

Total Number of Small Businesses Included in the Regulated Industry(ies) *Please see the attached guidance documents for assistance determining the total number of small businesses:* None.

Number of Small Businesses Potentially Subject to the Proposed Regulation: None.

Effective Date Used In Cost Estimate: December 5, 2025

- Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?
No. The proposed regulation will not require small businesses to create, file, or issue additional reports.
- Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?
No. The proposed regulation will not require small businesses to create, file, or issue additional reports. Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?
- Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?
No.
- Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?
No.
- Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?
No.
- Are performance standards more appropriate than design/operational standards to accomplish the regulatory objective?
(Performance standards express requirements in terms of outcomes, giving the regulated party flexibility to achieve regulatory objectives and design/operational standards specify exactly what actions regulated parties must take.)
No. The proposed regulation creates uniform data reporting standards for each entity in a given category of data submitter to ensure Massachusetts has consistent, comprehensive health care databases.
- Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?
No other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation.
- Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities?

No. The proposed regulation will not require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections, or other regulatory enforcement activities. Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?

- Is the regulation likely to *deter* the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?

No. The proposed regulation is not likely to deter the formation of small businesses.

- Is the regulation likely to *encourage* the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?

No. The proposed regulation is not likely to encourage the formation of small businesses.

- Can the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?

No. The proposed regulation applies uniform schedules for each entity in a given category of data submitter to ensure Massachusetts has consistent, comprehensive health care databases.

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No. The proposed regulation applies uniform schedules for each entity in a given category of data submitter to ensure Massachusetts has consistent, comprehensive health care databases.

- Can the compliance or reporting requirements be consolidated or simplified for small businesses?

No. The proposed regulation applies uniform reporting requirements to each entity in a given category of data submitter to ensure Massachusetts has consistent, comprehensive health care databases.

- Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective?

No. The proposed regulation creates uniform data reporting standards for each entity in a given category of data submitter to ensure Massachusetts has consistent, comprehensive health care databases.

- Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?

No. Distinguishing small businesses from other businesses would not be practicable for this regulation.

- Were any small businesses or small business organizations contacted during the preparation of this document? If so, please describe.

No. The proposed regulation is not expected to affect small businesses.